taluk headquarters are not given effect to by the Government, even though the recommendations are fit, safe, proper and not against the prohibition policy of the Government of Madras? "

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM :—
" The District Superintendent of Police in the police prohibition districts and the District Prohibition Officer in the excise probihition districts are ex-officio secretaries of these committees and the recommendations and suggestions made by these committees are acted upon by them."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" My question has not been answered by the Hon. Minister for Prohibition. She has read only an old note prepared by her Secretary."

Founder-Supervisor, Government Nandanar Institutions, Chidambaram.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state whether any amount is paid in any form to the Founder-Supervisor for the Government Nandanar Institutions, Chidambaram?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No."

Supply of electricity to Badagara.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state to what extent provision has been made in the Budget for extending electricity to the Badagara constituency ; and when the work will be started?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A scheme for extension of supply of electric power to Badagara was evolved comparatively recently and has not yet been sanctioned. Even after sanction, it will have to await its turn for execution, in relation to other schemes sanctioned previously, and with reference to the availability of funds. No provision has therefore been made for the scheme in question in the current year's budget. The scheme is not likely to be executed in the near future."

Lignite mines, Neyveli.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of clerical and technical staff belonging to Madras State and outside Madras State employed in Neyveli lignite mines on 30th June 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A list[a] of technical, clerical and other staff employed in the lignite project at Neyveli as on 30th June 1953 is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 285 infra.

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Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the recruitment of outsiders was necessitated by want of sufficient hands in this State? If so, whether the posts were advertised and applications called for? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member must admit that coal-mining is a new industry in this State and workers in our area are not accustomed to do such a difficult and new job. Therefore, we had to select people who had experience of those jobs in coal fields in North India like Bihar and Bengal."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" நிலக்கரி சுரங்கங்களில் வேலை செய்யும் அனுபவம் இந்த மாகாணத்திலுள்ள தொழிலாளிகளுக்குத் கிடையாது என்று கனம் மந்திர் சொன்னார்கள். இந்த மாகாண வாரதொழிலாளர்கள் 29 பேர்களும் வெளி மாகாண தொழிலாளர்கள் 22 பேர்களும் வேலை செய்கிறார்கள். ஆனால் அந்த இடத்தில் இன்னும் நிலக்கரி எடுக்கப்படவில்லை என்பது மந்திரிக்குத் தெரியுமா? இந் நிலையில் வாரத் தொழிலாளர்களை வெளி மாகாணங்களிலிருந்து கொண்டு வருவதற்கு என்ன அவசியம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I will only invite the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to come with me to Neyveli and see things for himself and then only he will realize how difficult that work is and how impossible it would be for any workers without any mining experience to do the job."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI:—" அந்த நெய்வேலியில் நடக்கும் வேலையைப் பார்க்க கனம் மந்திரி கூப்பிடாமலேயே நான் போய்பார்த்து விட்டு வந்தேன். அதனால் இந்தத் தகவலை அவர் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளுவாரா ?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" With due respect I must say that he has not seen it properly."

Lignite mines, Neyveli.

* 118 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minerals other than coal that are found in the Neyveli lignite area; and

(*b*) how many acres have been acquired up to 30th June 1953 by this Government for lignite mines in Neyveli?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Ceramic and refractory clays have been found in the Neyveli lignite area. A small quantity of marcasite, not sufficient for commercial use, is also found in the area.

" (*b*) A total extent of 102 acres and 80 cents has so far been acquired."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the ryots of Vadalur and other surrounding villages wrote to the Government through the Leader of the Tamil Nad